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# Remarks

### I.     Status

Applicants have cancelled claims 1-2 and 4-46, and have amended claim 3. In addition, new claims 47-65 have been added. Thus, claims 3 and 47-65 are presently pending.

The amendment to claim 3 is fully supported by the original specification. Claim 3 has been amended to recite a method of producing a modified protein or polypeptide molecules of the formula $A - X - Z - X' - B$, where A is a protein or polypeptide, X and X' are independently varying, optional present bivalent organic radicals, Z is a bivalent organic radical, and B is a polymeric compound. Support for such recitation can be found at, for example, page 7, lines 34-36. Support for the recitation of "B" being a polymeric compound can be found at, for example, page 30, line 26 – page 31, line 2. All other amendments are believed to be self-explanatory.

New claims 47-65 are fully supported by the original specification. Support for claims 47 and 48 can be found *inter alia* in original claims 6 and 8, respectively. Support for claim 49 can be found *inter alia* at page 8, lines 3-4. Support for claims 50 and 51 can be found *inter alia* at page 10, lines 12-16. Support for claims 52-54 can be found *inter alia* at page 10, lines 17-34. Support for claim 55 can be found *inter alia* at page 8, lines 9-10. Support for claim 56 can be found *inter alia* in original claim 37. Support for claims 57-65 can be found *inter alia* at pages 8-10 of the original specification.
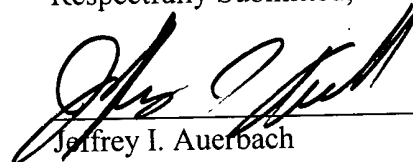
No new matter has been added by any of the amendments.

Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for Examination, and earnestly solicit early notice of favorabvle action. The Examiner is

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respectfully requested to contact the undersigned with respect to any issues regarding this

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